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1. (Internal Use Only - LLM) In response to my request of yesterday Mr. Brian Hessler, Administrative Assistant to Representative W. E. Brock (R., Tenn.), reported that S. 823 (Fair Credit Reporting Act) will be the subject of extensive hearings, the Banking and Currency Committee is aware of the Administration's interest in preserving Government agency access to credit reports, and the prospects for passage in some form look good.

2. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Talked to Robert Hull, Department of State, concerning the disability provision of the Foreign Service Retirement Act. See Memorandum for the Record.

3. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered to Miss Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of the Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, a copy of an FBIS report of Defense Minister Grechko's speech in Minsk on 15 March.

4. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, who told me that the Defense Subcommittee will be meeting with Mr. Froehlke next Monday, March 23, on the subject of "overall intelligence." Mr. Preston indicated that Mr. Froehlke will be appearing in his capacity as special assistant for intelligence. He indicated that this hearing will be followed by hearings the following day with DIA in the morning and NSA in the afternoon.

I briefed Mr. Preston on several items of intelligence. See Memo for the Record.

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10. (Confidential - GLC) Picked up from the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee the transcript of the executive session with [redacted] This will be forwarded to DDP for review.

11. (Secret - JMM) Representative William E. Minshall (R., Ohio) (new member of the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations) visited Headquarters for an orientation briefing. Colonel White explained the responsibilities and relationships among members of the intelligence community and the DCI's role therein. He then discussed the organization and activities of the Agency. John Clarke covered the Agency budget and personnel strength. Following the briefing Mr. Minshall lunched with the Director, General Cushman, Colonel White and Messrs. Karamessines, Smith, Duckett, Bannerman and Maury.

During the discussions, Mr. Minshall indicated particular interest in our communications and said he would like to return for a more detailed briefing on this subject. He asked several questions about our assessment of military intelligence and especially the attache system. On departing he commented critically on DIA's past performances.

12. (Secret - JMM) Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called in behalf of Chairman Stennis to ask about the situation in Cambodia and I summarized for him highlights of our last situation report.

13. (Secret - JMM) Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called to say that arrangements had been made for a joint session of the two CIA Subcommittees at 10:00 a.m. on 23 March in room 212 Old Senate Office Building for a briefing on the general situation in Southeast Asia, to cover recent developments in Laos and Cambodia and update the Director's earlier briefing on Vietnam. Woodruff said that Senator Margaret Chase Smith would probably attend as a new member of our Appropriations Subcommittee.

In response to Woodruff's query (about the situation in Cambodia), I gave him the highlights from our last situation report.

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